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TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEND YOUR MONEY



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN—OVERSEAS

...Making a World of Difference

Is it possible for one person to help cure cancer? Or help provide scholarships for our students and family members wishing to go to college? Or provide uniforms for our youth sports teams? Is it truly possible that one person can do this? With the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign and the Lamplighters Bazaar, the answer is yes.



Archive photo

Beginning at noon Sept. 29, community members will not only have a chance to purchase European specialty items but

help fund several scholarships for our people, right here. Sponsored by MWR and the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club, money made at this year's annual bazaar goes right back into serving our community.

But there is yet another way to put your money to good use – through the Combined Federal Campaign Overseas program which kicks off at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 5 at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Dining Facility. Through the CFC-O, Soldiers and DoD civilians can choose from nearly 1,900 participating charities to be the recipient of your contribution. You can even contribute funds to help improve the quality of life right here in Wiesbaden by choosing the Family Support and Youth Programs (FSYP). To donate funds to benefit our community, just write in "FSYP" on your pledge card. One hundred percent of funds designated to FSYP return to the community with no administrative costs deducted. This year's CFC theme – "Make a World of Difference" truly shows how just one person can *Make a World of Difference*.

Lt. Col. Timothy Wulff
Commander
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden

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COMMUNITY NEWS

9-11 TERROR ATTACKS COMMEMORATED

An impressive two-dozen Harley bikers motorcade rolled through Wiesbaden Army Airfield main gate Sept. 11 to commemorate the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon five years earlier.



"We have been doing this since the beginning, for the last five years," said Rainer Jaeger, director of the Harley Wiesbaden Nassau Chapter. "That day changed the whole world."



Linda Beougher plays the harp at a 9-11 memorial ceremony at the Chapel of Wiesbaden Army Airfield.



COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS NOTES

AAFES Series 7 POL coupons

Series (7) POL Coupons with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2006 will be extended for acceptance at AAFES Gas Stations through Dec. 31, 2006. Please note that these coupons WILL NOT be accepted at ESSO stations after Sept. 30, 2006.

Customers can request refunds for unused Series 7 POL coupons as long as they are still attached to the original booklet, at any AAFES facility, until Sept. 30, 2008 .

time.

Open Season Briefing – A closer look at your insurance needs

Representatives of the American Foreign Service Protective Association, sponsor of the Foreign Service Benefit Plan, will give a briefing on important insurance issues in room 205 at Bldg. 1023 West on Wiesbaden Army Airfield Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. For more information, go to www.afspa.org or email afspa@afspa.org.



GSA's Outreach Europe 2006
16-19 October 2006
Patrick Henry Village
Heidelberg, Germany

This event is **FREE** and will feature a vast selection of training workshops and seminars as well as more than 150 exhibitors.

Registration and up-to-date information is available online at GSA's Outreach Europe 2006 web site, www.gsa.gov/oe2006.

For more information please contact your local GSA representative at:
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Web site provides information on voting options

A new Web site being developed by the Department of Defense will provide information on electronic voting options for service members and other U.S. citizens living overseas.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program launched the new Integrated Voting Alternative Site at www.fvap.gov, said Maj. Harry Turasz, U.S. Army, Europe voting action officer.

The IVAS includes information from all 55 states and territories on the various electronic ballot request

DFAC hours

Due to reintegration the Wiesbaden Dining Facility will operate on the following schedule through Oct. 7: Monday-Wednesday and Friday: Breakfast from 7-9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4:30-6 p.m.; Thursday: breakfast from 5:30-7 a.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4-5 p.m.; weekends and U.S. and training holidays: breakfast from 7:30-9 a.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4:30-6 p.m. The brunch schedule will not be done during this

and delivery alternatives available to U.S. citizens living overseas and covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Turasz said. He added that IVAS will be regularly updated to reflect changes to state laws. This year, 33 senators, 435 members of the House of Representatives, 37 state governors and thousands of state and local officials will be elected, Turasz noted.

To reach the garrison-level voting action officer, call mil 337-7669 or civ 0611-705-7068.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Bazaar dates – fall 2006

Sept. 23	VMSCC Vicenza
Sept. 29-Oct 1	Lakenheath
Sept. 29-Oct 1	Wiesbaden, Lamplighters Bazaar
Oct. 6-9	Heidelberg Holiday
Oct. 11-13	Stuttgart GAWC Pfennig Bazaar
Oct. 13-15	Spangdahlem OCSC

Oct. 20-22	Ansbach, Germany
Nov. 3-5	Grafenwohr/Vilseck
Nov. 17-19	Hohenfels

Changed schedule for Landstuhl shuttle

The Landstuhl shuttle will be reduced to Monday, Wednesday and Friday effective Oct. 1, 06. There will be no changes to the local community shuttle, which will continue to run Monday thru Sunday.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. On the 2000 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census. Today, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 41 million people in the United States are of Hispanic origin. That's about 14 percent of the total US population.

Teaching of the contributions of Hispanic Americans, and learning about the cultures from which they come, will be the focal point of many activities and discussions in the weeks ahead as people across the United States Military recognize Hispanic Heritage Month through Oct. 15.

It is essential that all peoples learn to understand the ethnic diversity that is our country. Integrating the cultures helps develop "ethnic literacy" in Soldiers, Civilians and family members. Developing ethnic literacy fosters pride in one's own culture and a respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of others.



For more information, please contact SFC Baum at mil 337-5897 or 0611-705-5897.

Buena suerte!

Spanish cuisine at Salsa Night

Are you an expert in preparing a traditional Spanish dish? If so, the Wiesbaden community needs your help for the first Salsa Night and free food sampling at a Hispanic Heritage observance event Sept. 29 from 7-10 p.m. at the Community Activity Center. We'll buy the ingredients if you do the preparing. Call your Equal Opportunity advisor or mil 337-4271/72 or civ (0611) 705-4271/72 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

25-HOUR RUN

More than 50 Soldiers and civilians from 1st Armored Division, 102nd Signal Battalion and U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden participated in a 25-hour run Sept. 16—17 at the Kurpark in Wiesbaden to support the promotion of young athletes, along with 60 local Wiesbaden teams.



Quotes:

“A sign of international friendship and understanding was sent by the participation of U.S. Soldiers. The runners and their families obviously enjoyed the event and stood out by industrious barbecuing.” (Wiesbaden Kurier newspaper)



“The opportunity to work and do fun things together with our German neighbors is always a joy.” (Sgt. 1st Class Ray Baum, USAG Wiesbaden Equal Opportunity advisor and coordinator for U.S. Army participation in this event.)



“We are here to support our gracious German hosts and friends here in Wiesbaden. You have supported U.S. Soldiers and their families tremendously and we thank you for that.” (Lt. Col. Timothy R. Wulff, USAG Wiesbaden commander)

COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALTH CARE

Changes in health care billing

The health care billing offices for Heidelberg and Wuerzburg Hospital and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center are currently undergoing a consolidation to form the European Regional Medical Command Uniform Business Office. In the past, pay patients were billed by the individual hospital however the consolidated office will offer standardized billing and collection procedures as well as cashless transactions. Patients receiving an invoice for health care or paying on older invoices should send their payment to: ERMCMC, A&FO, Attn: eUBO, CMR 402, Box 3700, APO AE 09180. For more information call mil 486-8879 or visit the ERMCMC website at www.healthcare.hqusa.army.mil/, or toll free at 00-800-9050-9050.

Avian Flu and dead birds

DON'T:
Panic,
touch the
bird, dis-
pose of the
animal
yourself.

DO: Call
your local
military
police
office, give detailed information
where to find the bird, follow the
instructions of the MPs, keep others,
especially children and pets, away.



CLOSURES & MORE

Road closures at WAAF due to construction

Due to installation of fiber optic cables at Wiesbaden Army Airfield portions of the road may be closed to traffic between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sept. 23-24 and Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. This will affect Boyd Boulevard, Heerstrasse, King Ave., Wurgelstrasse and Heinigstrasse.

Road closure at WAAF due to ceremony

Boyd Blvd. in front of 3rd COSCOM HQ will be closed from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sept. 27 and from 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 28 due to the 3rd COSCOM change of command. Vehicles exiting the installation must use the South Gate during this time.

The parking lot directly across from building 1007 leading into the motor pool and the parking lot adjacent to Phelps Avenue between buildings 01013 and 01007 also will be blocked during these times.

Oct. 3 closures

Oct. 3 is Day of German Reunification and a federal holiday in Germany. The following services run by local nationals will not be available on that day: DPW Engineering, Home Improvement Store, Transportation Motor pool, Drivers testing (except Dexheim) and the Community Bank.

Oct. 3 celebrates the fall of the Cold War wall in 1989 and the subsequent integration of Eastern Germany into the Federal Republic of Germany in 1990.



Columbus Day closures

The following services will close in conjunction with Columbus Day:

Oct. 6 – Dexheim Health Clinic

Oct. 9 – Community Health Clinics, Dental Clinics, Andrews Federal Credit Union, ACS, Dexheim and McCully Commissary, Community Libraries, Auto Skills Centers.

Oct. 10 – Roemer Arts Center.

CIF closed Oct. 23 - 27

The Central Issue Facility at Wiesbaden Army Airfield will be closed Oct. 23-27 for year-end inventory. For emergencies during this time call mil 337-5653/5968 or civ (0611) 705-5653/5968.

Hainerberg Taunus Theater Renovation

The Wiesbaden Hainerberg Theater will be under renovation through beginning of December 2006.

Customs Office Move

As of Sept. 22, the Wiesbaden Customs Office has moved from Bldg. 1023-W, Room 8, to Bldg. 1038, Room 112, next to the old gym and across from the library.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCCER FRIENDSHIP MATCH

German-American friendship was celebrated with an exciting soccer game Sept. 19 from 5-7 p.m. at the sports field in Mainz-Kastel. A U.S. team made up of Soldiers from different units throughout the Wiesbaden community played against members of the Hessen parliament and administration .



which established the State of Hessen after World War II.

After a persistent 1:0 for the German team throughout most of the game, mainly thanks to their outstanding goalkeeper, a goal by the U.S. team brought both to a draw. After the penalty

The game was organized on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Gen. Eisenhower's Proclamation # 2,



shootout the site was filled with the cheers of the victorious players and the fans of the American team—4:3.

FAMILIES

LIBRARY NEWS

Storytelling workshop

Join the Wiesbaden Community Library for a storytelling workshop Oct. 11, 18 and 25 from 3:15-5 p.m. followed by a storytelling festival Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. Ages 9 and up are welcome. Call mil 337-6706 or civ (0611) 705-6706 for more information.

Readers wanted

Enjoy a reading of "Night" by Elie Wiesel with the Book Club at the Wiesbaden Community Library Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. For more information call mil 337-6706 or civ (0611) 706-6706.

Preschool and Toddler Story Time

Explore the world with your toddler at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community Library with Toddler Story Time every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 3. Advanced registration is required. Preschool Story Time is held every Wednesday at the Dexheim Library at 9:30 a.m. Call mil 337-1740 or civ (0611) 705-1740 for more information.

Video Messenger

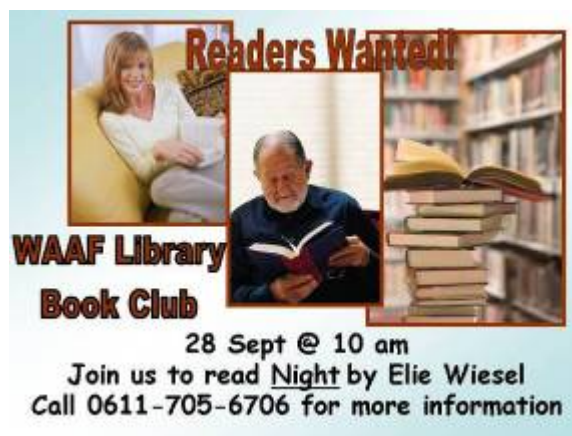


USAG Wiesbaden Libraries offer video messaging for Soldiers preparing to deploy. Before deploying, stop by the library to film yourself reading a story. Taping equipment and books are available free at your library. Your child can check out the same book while you are gone and follow along as you read it. The video messenger can also be used to

record birthday, anniversary and holiday messages. Call (0611) 705-6706 for more information.

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PARENT'S NIGHT OUT & SUPER SATURDAY

USAG Wiesbaden CYC hosts Parent's Night Out on Oct. 6 from 7-11 p.m. at the Dexheim CDC and Oct. 20 at the Hainerberg CDC. Super Saturday is on Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Dexheim CDC. Prepayment is re-

quired. Prepaid cards or Respite Cards may be used. RSVP is required. Please call 0611-4080-412 to sign up at Hainerberg or 06133-69-667 to sign up in Dexheim.

EDUCATION & YOUTH

NEWS FOR YOUTHS

No school

Due to parent/teacher conferences, there will be no school for students Nov. 16-17 at Hainerberg, Dexheim and Aukamm Elementary Schools and Wiesbaden Middle School. High School students will not have school Nov. 17 due to teacher in-service and conferences.

Winter Basketball and Cheerleading registration

USAG Wiesbaden Child and Youth Services Winter Basketball and Cheerleading Registration takes place Oct. 1-31. The season will begin on Jan. 6, 2007. All children and youth ages 3-18 are welcome to participate. Coaches are needed as well. All personnel who have been certified through the National Alliance for Youth Sports Coaches Association (NAYSCA) and would like to coach a team must visit the Sports & Fitness office and update their coaches' portfolio. All veterans and new coaches are required to complete the following requirements, Child Abuse Training, CPR/First-Aid, Volunteer briefing, Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports, Sports Specific Video, Pursuing Victory with Honor, Six Pillars of Character and Building Character through Sports. If individuals have a current certification for CPR/First-Aid they need to provide a copy to the Sports & Fitness for verification. For more information, please call the CYS Sports and Fitness office at 0611-4080-133/269 or DSN 335-5133/5269.

Coaches needed

Coaches are needed for youth flag football for ages 7-15 years old. Child and Youth Services provides free training. For more information call mil 335-5133 or civ (0611) 408-0133.

CYS bowling league

Wiesbaden's Child and Youth Services invites all youth ages 7-18 to join the bowling league, Thursdays Oct.



12 through Dec. 21 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Bowling Center. Registration fee is \$15 and limited to the first 30 participants. For more information call mil 335-5383 or civ (0611) 408-0383.

Hit the Road and Rails with Youth Services

Every other Saturday throughout the school year Youth Services (YS) offers excursions and field trips to nearby locations such as Wiesbaden, Mainz, Frankfurt, and the Rhine Valley. Excursions are also available by rail to Cologne, Dusseldorf, Nuremburg and Stuttgart. Parents are encouraged to join their children when traveling by rail. Other activities offered by YS include hiking, biking, swimming and horseback riding. Youth Services is located in Bldg. 7884, behind the ACS building in Hainerberg Housing.

Youth Bowling League

Wiesbaden CYS invites all youth ages 7-18 to join the Bowling League, Oct. 12 through Dec. 21, every Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Bowling Center. Youth must be enrolled in CYS to participate. Sign up early to guarantee your spot on the team. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. Registration fee is \$15. Register through Oct. 6 by calling Central Registration at 0611-4080-383 or MIL 335-5383.

CHAPEL

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS IN OCTOBER

Jewish

Oct. 1* - **Yom Kippur**. Commemorates the Jewish Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year. Observed with strict fasting and ceremonial repentance.

Oct. 7*-13 – **Sukkot**. The Feast of Tabernacles. Commemorates the harvest and the protection of the people of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness, dwelling in tents.



Oct. 14* - **Shemini Atzeret**. Celebrates the annual cycle of reading of the Torah. For Orthodox Jews, day of obligation to pray and attend services; refrain from working.

Oct. 15* - **Simchat Torah**. Celebration of the reading of the Torah. Synagogue services involve readings, joyful processions, and blessing of the children. For Orthodox Jews, day of obligation to pray and attend services; refrain from working.

Christian

Oct. 31 –Lutheran / Collective Protestant
"Reformation Day." Celebrates the Reformation

teaching that Jesus saved humanity by God's grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed in Scripture alone. On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther posted a "Reformation" belief statement on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

Islamic

Oct. 19* - **Lailat ul-Qatr**. Night of power, usually 27th night of Ramadan. First revelation of Qur'an to Prophet Mohammed. Observed during the last ten days of Ramadan. Prayers to Allah for a good destiny. Muslims pray and read the Quran in the Mosque all night until dawn.

Oct. 24 - **"Eid al Fitr"** – end of Ramadan. Feast of control over desires marking the close of Ramadan. It is a festival of thanksgiving to Allah for enjoying the month of Ramadan. It involves wearing fines clothing, saying prayers, and fostering understanding with other religions. Celebrated for three days.

Baha'i

Oct. 20 - **Birth of the B'ab**. Honors the founder of the Bahai religion, forerunner to Baha'u'llah and the Baha'i faith. Work is suspended.

Wiccan

Oct. 31* - **Samhain**. Celebration of endings and beginnings. Revering of elders is observed. Specialized meal. Rituals take place during hours of darkness.

*Begins Sundown the preceding day

Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC invites you for a time of worship, fellowship and Bible study on Tuesday evenings room 6 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m.

All studies are held at the Hainerberg Chapel in the Hainerberg Housing area. Child-care is provided.

For more information call civ (0611) 408-0570



ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

NEW PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Birth, breastfeeding classes

Wiesbaden Army Community Service offers a Birth, Breastfeeding and Beyond class for all expecting parents in their third trimester. The class offers valuable information covering labor through newborn care. Soon-to-be moms and dads are encouraged to attend Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS building in Hainerberg Housing. In-home nurturing parent education classes are also available. For more information call mil 335-5254 or (0611) 408-0254.



EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ACS Holiday Assistance Program

The Holiday Assistance Program is designed to enhance the quality of the holidays for deserving families that might not otherwise be able to afford one. Families will be identified and provided the means to purchase basic food items they need or desire to make their holiday time special.

Our approach is a practical version of the traditional "Food Basket" program. The HAP provides families with more privacy to make personal choices selecting food items, excluding alcohol and tobacco. Families have more flexibility to follow personal preference as well as their ethnic and cultural traditions.

The Holiday Assistance Program depends solely on community support. The number of families and extent they can be supported is totally dependent upon the amount of participation by community members and organizations. If you can afford to spend the time helping this community through the holiday season give the Wiesbaden or Dexheim Army Community Service a call and ask us about program before 25 Oct 06.

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact: Stephen Crane, at DSN 335-5254, CIV 0611-408-0245, Email Stephen.Crane@104asg.army.mil or Naomi Roupe, DSN 334-5979, CIV 06133-69-979, Email Naomi.Roupe@104asg.mwr.army.mil.

Wiesbaden Orientation Spouses Tour

Explore Wiesbaden with other spouses every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Group will meet at American Arms Hotel.

Sponsorship

Learn how to be a sponsor and assist Soldiers and families during in-processing. Teens can partner with newly arriving teens to help create a smooth transition to their new environment. Unit sponsorship is at 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, and teen sponsorship is at 5 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Both classes are held in the ACS Conference Room. Participants must register in advance by calling 0611-408--0392 or mil 335-5392.

**Army Community Service is in Bldg. 7790 in Hainerberg Housing.
Call mil 335-5234 or civ (0611) 408-0234 for information or to register for workshops.**

DEXHEIM

DEXHEIM SOLDIER EARNS “2006 IRON SOLDIER” TITLE

Story and photo by Spc. Alfredo Jimenez Jr.
1st Armored Division Public Affairs

Dexheim, Germany— Spc. Scott Joseph Hanshew walked towards the door which hid high ranked officials who would decide the 2006 1st Armored Division Soldier of the Year. His face glistened with sweat, his heart raced and his stomach churned. But he felt confident about his chances, and now he was smiling.

Hanshew was brimming because he thought of all the hours he'd poured into this competition, his instructors who had spent those hours with him and he thought of his family. He put a lot of stock in his folk's advice and pedigree, especially at a time like this. He promised to call his dad as soon as the winner was announced.

He reached for the doorknob and opened the door.

‘Proud to be part of competitive family’

Being competitive is nothing new to the Henshew household. The Hettinger, N. D. family has excelled in almost everything they try, including athletics in high school.

“I’m proud to be from a very competitive family,” said Hanshew, who joined the Army Sept. 30, 2004. “I practice hard, so when I’m in a difficult situation, I can excel and come out on top.”

Hanshew’s work ethic allowed him to place seventh in the 2004 state finals in wrestling. His twin brother, Daniel, placed eighth in 2005. His mother, Suki, has been able to maintain a household while working as an administrative specialist.

His dad, Dick, served 20 years in the military and took part in Desert Storm.

“He was my role model and I’ve tried to follow in his footsteps,” Hanshew said. “Everything he did, I respected because he taught us we had to earn anything we wanted.”

When Hanshew, a light wheeled mechanic from Charlie



Company, 123rd Main Support Battalion, learned that he would vie for the 2006 title after another soldier was dropping out of the competition, he quickly turned to his dad for advice.

“He listened to me and told me about his experiences,” he said. “It was like when I was first joining the military; we watched war movies to prepare for what I was getting into.”

Another recollection his dad passed on was the fact he was scheduled to compete for Soldier of the Year honors, but Suki was pregnant with the twins and he didn’t want to be away. So he turned down the offer.

“When he told me that, I was both moved and motivated to perform my best,” Hanshew said. “He and my mom have always been supportive and I really wanted to make them proud.”

‘Sigh of relief’

The door closed behind him as a sigh of relief was let out. Hanshew walked away from the board confidently and again he smiled. He could hardly wait for the winners to be announced at the evening dinner.

A few hours later, Hanshew was picked as the 2006 1st Armored Division Soldier of the Year and he quickly raced to find a phone.



DEXHEIM

CELEBRATING GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP

German-American Friendship Fest Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

Visit two beautiful host nation communities along the Rhine River and enjoy a two-day fair. The town districts of Nierstein and Oppenheim will celebrate and enjoy German-American friendship at its best for the fall weekend of Sept. 30 – Oct. 1. Starting Saturday evening at 6 p.m. the 2nd German Air Force Corps Band will entertain the crowd with live music at the Oppenheim Market Place on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.



On Sunday at 3 p.m. Lt. Col. Orlando D. Critzer, commander of the 123rd Main Support Battalion stationed in Dexheim, will sign the German-American Friendship Certificate with Mayor Hans-Jochen Gerlach from Dexheim, Mayor Thomas Guenther from Nierstein, and Mayor Marcus Held from Oppenheim, in the Nierstein recreation park. At about 4 p.m. the USAREUR Band directed by Maj. Andrew J. Esch will play Dixieland melodies. There will be booths with food, beverages, candies, handcrafted goods and much more. Don't miss it!



Baking for German-American Friendship

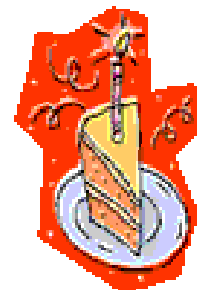
The "Friends of Dexheim" of the 123rd will be selling desserts, coffee, ice cream and drinks from 2 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, as part of the German-American Friendship Fest in

Nierstein.

If you would like to help out or bake goods for this event, please contact your FRG Leader, 1st SGT or company commander.

Each company has been asked to provide specific items:

- A Company (COOKIES)
- B Company (CAKES)
- C Company (PASTRIES)
- D Company (COFFEE)
- E Company (BROWNIES)
- HHD (ICE-CREAM)



Please be at the Nierstein Park at 11 a.m. to set up for the event. Contact Lt. Chris May with any questions.



Archive photos

Submit your "special hobby" story to wiesbadenpao@104asg.army.mil.

DEXHEIM

DEXHEIM NEWS

Blood Drive

The Dexheim Health Clinic is Sponsoring a Blood Drive at Anderson Barracks, Dexheim Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) is the blood bank that comes and receives the donations. The blood that is donated is used at LRMC and goes to wounded soldiers returning from the War on Terrorism and other patients in the hospital.

Beauty Salon

The Dexheim Beauty Salon is open on a trial basis on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Services offered include haircuts, manicures, pedicures and facial waxing. Contact Ebony Williams, Alpha Company FRG Leader, for details.

Saturday Bowl-a-Rama

All you can bowl for \$7.50 from 6-10 p.m. every Saturday at Dexheim's Bowling Center.

Dexheim Fitness Center

Operating Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Thu 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.; weekends and federal & training holidays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Aerobics Mix, Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Fitness Assessment and Weight Room Orientation anytime upon request

Flag Football Championships Oct. 16 – 22, Bamberg

Basketball Sports Official Clinic Nov. 1, open to 18 and above

Turkey Trot Duathlon, Nov. 18, \$20 per runner

Thanksgiving Day Basketball Tournament, Nov. 22 - 26, \$250 per team

For additional information, call the Fitness Center



at mil 334-5746/5685 or civ: 06133-69746.

Fall Festival

If you would like to help out Oct. 28 by baking goods or conducting children's games, please contact your FRG leader or Erica Bittle.

For more information call Kathryn Christopher, 123rd MSB Delta Co FRG Leader, at 06133 492 362 or 0175 324 9184.

October Fest in Oppenheim

123rd MSB has the opportunity to run a concession stand at the Oppenheim October Fest from Oct. 21 – 22. Volunteers are needed. All companies plan to participate. Support from Soldiers is needed, too.

“Adopt a Soldier” program

The cities of Oppenheim, Nierstein and Dexheim are working with the 123rd Main Support Battalion to revise their “Adopt a Soldier” program during the Christmas holidays. Soldiers wishing to participate must submit their names to their company first sergeant by Nov. 15. A social will be held for the Soldiers to meet their prospective German families Nov. 30 at the Dexheim Fitness Center. The Soldier will then join the family on Christmas for a traditional German Christmas.

Submit your “special hobby” story to wiesbadenpao@104asg.army.mil.

DEXHEIM

DEXHEIM NEWS

Thanks for Stork Strasse

A warm "thank you" goes to the following Soldiers and family members for their contribution to the 2006 Stork Strasse Event: Titus Knoernschild, Angela Knoernschild, Tenina Davis, Tiffany Metzler, Richard Ogburn, Stephen Vobornik,

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Rheinlander Club and Sports Bar

Oct. 5 – Movie Night (Sports)
Oct. 11 - Hispanic Heritage Celebration (Club)
Oct. 27 – Halloween Party (Sports)
Nov. 16 – Early Thanksgiving Buffet (Club)

123rd MSB FRG



Opening of the Nierstein Winefest Sept. 16

The Family Readiness Group provides mutual support, assistance and communication among family members, the chain of command and community personnel. Your FRG assistant, Ms. Erica Bittle, is located at Bldg. 6553 at Anderson Barracks and can be reached at mil 334-5593 or civ 06133-69593.

AAFES jobs

Looking for a Part-time Job?

The Dexheim retail store is looking for two part-time positions to fill - Senior Store Associate and Warehouse Worker. If you're up for a challenge, apply online at www.aafes.com. Contact James Tatum at civ 06133-50599.

Dexheim Parent Night Out

Enjoy a Friday evening free. Leave the kids with CYS on Oct. 13, Nov. 3 and Dec. 8.

Please make your reservations early by contacting CER at mil 334-5667 or civ 06133-69667.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Dexheim Super Saturday

Enjoy a Saturday free. Leave the kids with CYS on Saturday, Oct. 21. Meals are included. Hourly rates apply. Please make your reservations early by contacting CER at mil 334-5667 or civ 06133-69667.

Family child care

The Family Child Care staff will be in the Dexheim CDC staff lounge from 3 – 4 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the every month starting Oct. 19. This will be a monthly informational service for provider applicants, providers, and parents. Contact: ACS Bldg. #7790, Hainerberg, phone civ 0611-4080-329 or mil 335-5329.

Birth, Breastfeeding & Beyond

Educational classes are presented by the New Parent Education & Support Program. The next class is at ACS in Dexheim Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch break is from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on your own. Pre-registration is required. Please call NPESP at civ 06133-695716 or mil 334-5716

Baby massage

Learn the art of massaging your baby Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 in Wiesbaden or Oct. 5 and 12 in Dexheim (for parents/caregivers with infants from birth to crawling.) For more information, contact Kim Polk, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, at mil 337 6662 or civ 0611 705 666.

Submit your "special hobby" story to wiesbadenpao@104asg.army.mil.

DEXHEIM

DEXHEIM ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Dexheim Army Community Service offers a wealth of knowledge and expertise to assist you and your family during your time in Dexheim.

Dexheim Relocation Program

Newcomer's Orientation

Every 1st Wednesday of the month
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Culture, Country & Castle Tour

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



Sponsorship Training for Spouses

Every last Wednesday of the month
10-11:30 a.m.

Sponsorship Training for Soldiers

Every last Thursday of the month
10-11:30 a.m.

Army Family Team Building Level III

Sept. 27, Oct. 3, 4, 10
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Employment Readiness Program

Resumix and Employment Orientation

10-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 3, 19
Nov. 7, 16
Dec. 5, 21

Resume and Cover Letters

1:30-2:30 p.m.
Oct 12th
Nov 9th
Dec 14th

Interviewing Techniques

9-10 a.m.
Oct 16th
Nov 20th
Dec 18th

Dress for Success

1-2 p.m.
Oct 24th
Nov 28th
Dec 19th

Career Assessment (As Needed)

Tea with Employment Readiness

Join the Employment Readiness Program Manager 9-10 a.m.

Friday Oct. 20 Working a Job Fair
Friday Nov. 17 Computer Basic Skills
Friday Dec. 15 Work Ethics

Financial Readiness Program

Budget Development and Record Keeping

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Oct. 2
Nov. 6
Dec. 4

Anger Management Class

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
10-11 a.m.



Stress Management Class

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Banking and Credit Union Services (includes check writing class)

1:30-3 p.m.
Oct. 16

Nov. 20
Dec. 18

Debt Liquidation

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sept. 25
Oct. 23
Nov. 27

Use and Abuse of Credit

9:30-11 a.m.
Oct. 4
Nov. 1
Dec. 6

Understanding Insurance

10-11 a.m.
Oct. 11
Nov. 8
Dec. 13

Principles of Personal Finance

10-11 a.m.
Oct. 18
Nov. 15
Dec. 20

Consumer Rights and Obligations

2-3 p.m.
Sept. 27
Oct. 25
Nov. 22

For more information or to sign up for any ACS classes, please call 06133-69-716 or MIL 334-5716. Dexheim ACS is located in Bldg. 6460 in Anderson Barracks.

McCULLY

501ST MI'S CHARLIE COMPANY RETURNS TO GERMANY

Story by Spc. Andrew Orillion
1st Armored Division Public Affairs

The scorching sands of Iraq gave way to the lush green and cool winds of Germany as soldiers from Charlie Company, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, returned from deployment. The 501st MI spent nearly a year in Ramadi and Al Taqaddum, before returning to Germany shortly after 10 a.m. Sept. 9.

Charlie Company's mission during Operation Iraqi Freedom was to provide support for commanders and ground troops through the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

"Charlie Company provided support to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division," said Col. David R. Hogg, assistant division commander (Support), 1st Armored Division. "They tracked insurgents and monitored the situation on the ground. UAVs are very useful in that type of environment."

The UAV's ability to support and sustain combat operations makes it one of the most requested theater assets, Hogg added.

Charlie Company learned to fly UAVs in Baumholder before deploying. Adjusting to the different terrain in Iraq was one of the bigger challenges Charlie Company faced.

"Flying over a city is really different from flying over a wooded area," said Cpl. James Dreiling, standardization operator. "There is a lot more to see in an urban environment, a lot more static."



Despite the challenges of working in a war zone, especially one as potentially violent as Ramadi, Charlie Company used their UAVs to help commanders and Soldiers and saved countless lives.

"One of our main jobs was to scout ahead of convoys to spot for IEDs," Dreiling said. "One time, one of our guys spotted a 2,000 pound bomb that was set to take out an armor

column."

The UAVs piloted by Charlie Company didn't just provide



support for U.S. Soldiers, it was a vital asset for Iraqi troops as well.

"There were a few times that we provided direct support to joint operations between the U.S. and Iraqi militaries," Dreiling said. "We also provided security for recruiting stations and polling places on election day."

While in theater, Charlie Company managed to maintain a perfect flight record with their UAVs. Not a single UAV was lost due to pilot error or a maintenance deficiency, said Capt. John Ruckauf, commander, Charlie Company, 501st MI.

"The only UAV we lost was due to a manufactures defect," Dreiling said. "We were well trained and our maintenance crew never let us down."

Dreiling also credits this success to the fact that Charlie Company was the first UAV platoon to be trained as an aviation platoon.

Despite Charlie Company's success in theater, the soldiers were grateful to be back in Germany.

"It is great to be back in Germany where there are good friends, good climate and good beer," Dreiling said.

The 501st MI Battalion will have its official welcome home ceremony Nov. 3 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

Submit an Interactive Customer Evaluation comment at www.wiesbaden.army.mil.

LEISURE TIME

PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

Römer Holiday Productions

Römer presents "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 9 as part of their annual holiday festivities. Anyone interested in participating in the presentations should call 0611-705-5722 or MIL 337-5722 for more information.

Country and western night

The Kastel Klub hosts a country and western night every Friday beginning at 9 p.m. Line dance to your favorites in a smoke-free environment.

Romantic comedy

"The Isben Follies" by Skot Davis is a delightful romantic comedy about two real-life young lovers escaping the brooding gloom of a Norwegian literary history to find their day in the Scandinavian sun. Performances will be held Sept. 21-24 and Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 at the Amelia Earhart Playhouse. Performances begin at 6 p.m. on Sundays and 7:30 p.m. all other days. Tickets are available at Hainerberg and Wiesbaden Army Airfield USO offices for \$10 or 10 Euro for adults and \$5/5 Euro for children. For more information call mil 336-2473 or civ (0611) 816-2473.

FOR THE HARLEY FANS

The Wiesbaden Harley Chapter meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in Mainz-Mombach at their club house, the old train station, at Quellwies St. 15. Food and drinks are always available.



The club's website is www.wiesbaden-nassau-chapter.de. The club can be contacted at bruce.hills@eagle-eye-security.com or phone 06151 624 42.

VETERANS VISITING

"Band of Brothers" coming to Mainz-Kastel Station

Come join AAFES and Exchange New Car Sales on Saturday, Sept. 23, to honor the men of Easy Company 506th PIR at the Mainz Kastel Power Zone. Nine of the original men of Easy Company, featured in the mini-series "Band of Brothers," will be available to meet, chat to and provide autographs.

Easy Company will be greeted at 1 p.m. by the ROTC Honor Guard and Band, and hopefully by a large crowd of community members. A vintage vehicle display will be set up with people in authentic World War II uniforms, and USO will set up to give out free Hot Dogs, Popcorn and soft drinks. The Band of Brothers will hold two autograph sessions. A serenade by a bagpipe player will lead the guests over to the Harley showroom for lunch. The visit will be wrapped up around 4:30 p.m. by a free drawing by one of the Band of Brothers, a farewell ceremony and awards presentation.

LEISURE TIME

Cappuccino Casino

The Cappuccino Casino in Hainerberg Shopping Center hosts weekly events with cash prizes. Pool tournaments are held the first and third Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Dominoes tournaments are held the second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m. Spades are played the second Saturday at 7 p.m. and a dart tournament is held every first and third Saturday at 7 p.m. For more information call civ (0611) 763-7627.



Halloween Party at the Kastel Klub

The Kastel Klub on Mainz Kastel hosts its annual Halloween Party on Oct. 31 from 6-11 p.m. The

club will have free holiday cake, candy, food and drawings for prizes. Come in costume to make it a Halloween worth remembering.

Hanau Belly dancing

USO is still looking for participants in a belly dancing class Mondays & Wednesdays through Oct. 4, from 6 – 7 p.m. Cost is \$80. Contact the Hanau USO at mil 322-8725

or civ 06181-888725 for more information.

USO TRIPS & CLASSES



Oktoberfest trip with USO Sat, 30 Sep 06

DEPARTS: HBPX 0400,
WAAF 0415, HANAU 0515
(Giessen pick-up possible.) RE-

TURNS: APPROX. 0500 HRS
(Sun) Adults: \$59.00, Children:
\$44.00 (under 12 yrs)

Join your USO for a day of unforgettable fun. Bring Euros for meals and purchases.

USO Classes

Classes meet at the Hainerberg cottage, unless otherwise listed. This is just a brief listing of USO classes and programs. For information on belly dancing, language classes and more, pick up an Eine Brücke or visit www.uso.org. To register, visit the USO offices at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, in the Hainer-

berg Shopping Center or in the Hainerberg USO Cottage. Call (0611) 731 301 for more information.

Tai Chi Chuan

Pilates Plus

Kardio Kickboxing

Latin Dance

German Language

Expectant Parents Stadtklinik Tour (Wiesbaden)

La Leche League

Massage 101

OUTDOORS

CLASSES & TRIPS

September

- 23 – Paintball
- 23 - Canoe Trip on Lahn River
- 27 - Ski/Snowboard Maintenance Clinic
- 30 – Paintball

October

- 01 - Fishing trip to Limburg
- 04—Ski/Snowboard Maintenance Clinic
- 06-09 – Ski Trip to Soelden, Austria
- 07 - Paintball
- 11- Ski/Snowboard Maintenance Clinic
- 14 – Sport Shooting in Heidelberg



- 14 - Indoor Skiing in Neuss
- 14 – Paintball
- 16—20 - USAREUR Fishing Course
- 18 – Ski/Snowboard Maintenance Clinic
- 21 - Paintball
- 25 - Ski/Snowboard Maintenance Clinic
- 28 – Paintball
- 28 - Indoor Skiing in Neuss
- 28 – Halloween Party Trip to Frankenstein Castle
- 31 - Halloween Party Trip to Frankenstein Castle
- Every Tuesday: Rock Climbing
- Every Wednesday: Maintenance Clinic
- Every Thursday: Swimming Trip
- Every Saturday: Paintball

SKI TRIPS

Ski Trip to Soelden, Austria

The world class resort Sölden (1,377 m) is one of the most well-known ski and snowboard centers of Europe, as well as a legendary après ski metropolis. The ski region (1,377-3,340 m) consists of the famous Rettenbach and Tiefenbach glaciers as well as Sölden's own Giggijoch-Gaislachkogel ski areas. These have recently been interlinked with the glaciers, thus creating an absolutely perfect ski circus of 147 kilometers of piste. Afternoons and evenings are "party time"-you'll have a great time in the mountain huts and in the village itself. In October time frame ONLY glacier skiing is available.

Date: 6 through 9 October

\$375 includes 3 nights in hotel with breakfast, 3 day ski pass and round trip transportation.



More ski trips:

Ski trip to Feldberg, Black Forest

Ski trip to Engelberg, Switzerland

Indoor skiing in Neuss

**FOR INFORMATION ON OUTDOOR RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS,
CALL MIL 337-5760 OR CIV (0611) 705-5760 FOR WIESBADEN
AND MIL 334-5818 OR CIV 06133-69-818 FOR DEXHEIM.**

SPORTS AND FITNESS

WIESBADEN FITNESS CENTER

Stress Reduction Class

Wiesbaden Fitness Center offers Stress Reduction Classes every Friday from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially troops returning from downrange. Stress manifests itself in many ways: lack of sleep, irritability, alcohol and drug use,



lower immunity and heart disease. The class will offer breathing techniques, mediation and guided relaxation which will help create a more enjoyable lifestyle. For more information, please call 0611-705-5541 or DSN 337-5541.

Kid Fit

Get your kids moving with the Kid Fit program at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Kid Fit helps children ages 2-3 develop stretching, tumbling and motor skills. The next session will be held Tuesdays, Oct. 10-31 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Cost is \$25.

EVENTS & CLASSES

The brand new, state-of-the-art fitness center offers 2 full size basketball courts, racquetball courts, indoor running track, skate ramp, climbing wall, as well as cardio and free-weights and various group fitness and personal training classes. The Wiesbaden Fitness Center staff is committed to your physical fitness needs.

Unit-Level Preseason Basketball—Nov. 6-10

Turkey Trot Biathlon—Nov. 18, Dexheim Fitness Center. Event begins at 10 a.m. Register early or on the day of the event from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Cost is \$30.

Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament—Nov. 22-26. Register by Nov. 17. \$250 per team

After T-Day Calorie Burn-off

Now it's time to pay for that turkey dinner. Participate in the free high energy workout, After Thanksgiving Calorie Burn-off on Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. at Wiesbaden Fitness Center.

Military Family Appreciation—Nov. 25-Dec. 1

Free fitness classes for all active duty and family members.

Group Fitness Price List

Individual Class Ticket	\$4 each
10 Class Booklet	\$35
Unlimited Monthly Pass	\$45

A variety of personal training is also available. Ask a fitness instructor for more information and pricing.

Change in WAAF Bowling Hours

The Wiesbaden Bowling Center's hours of operation will change beginning the week of Oct. 23. New hours are Fridays from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays from 1-9 p.m. and Sundays from 1-9 p.m. Bowling Center will still be available for reservations for birthday parties or special events. Call 0611-705-5654 for more information.

For information on events and programs at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center, call mil 337-5541 or civ (0611) 705-5541.